

Order of Worship  
March 12, 2017

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**FOCUS**

*Prayer before Worship*

I call upon You, for You will answer me, O God; incline Your ear to me, hear my words.

Psalm 17:6

*Prelude*

**Prayer**  
(Rene Vierne, 1878 - 1918)

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**EXALT**

*Call to Worship*

(Based on Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Mark 8:31-38; Romans 4:13-25)

Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent

**Towards the One who calls us each by a new name.**

Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us,

**Putting our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us.**

Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us,

**Whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.**

Let us worship God.

*Opening Hymn*

**In the Cross of Christ I Glory\***

**Blue #84**

(Words: John Browning, 1825; Music: Ithamar Conkey, 1849)

**All Who Are Thirsty\***

(Words and Music: Brenton Brown and Glenn Robertson)

*Prayer of Confession*

**Dear Lord, You offer us guidance through Your Word, Your response to our prayers and through Your still small voice which speaks when we stop to listen.**

**Even so, we are quick to choose our own paths, place our priorities above**

**Yours and our passions before Your wisdom. Forgive us as we lift our silent**

**confessions to you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.** (People offer their own private silent prayers to the Lord)

*Words of Assurance*

Let it be known to you therefore, my brothers and sisters, that through (Jesus) forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. (Acts 13:38)

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**O The Love Of My Redeemer\***

(Words and Music: Joshua Caterer)

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**ENCOUNTER**

*Welcome*

*Children's Moment*

*Passing of the Peace*

*Offering of Gifts*

*Musical Offering* **His Truth Endureth to All Generations**  
(Lester Groom)

*Scripture Lesson*

**John 3:1-21**

(New Testament, p. 88)

*Sermon*

**Listening to People**

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**RESPOND**

*Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer*

*Closing Hymn*

**May the Mind of Christ My Savior\***

(Words: Kate B. Wilkinson; Music: A. Cyril Barham-Gould)

**Red #65**

*Benediction*

*Postlude*

**Psalm XX**

(Benedetto Marcello, 1686 - 1739)

**Welcome** We're glad you are here!

We ask everyone to complete and return this tear-off slip to the offering basket every week.  
March 12, 2017 - 9 a.m.

Your Name

Family members' names/ages

Street Address, City, State, Zip

Phone:  Cell  Home

Email address

Send me the weekly E-newsletter

- Single  
 Married  
 Have children at home  
 Junior/High School student  
 College student

- First time visitor  
 Occasional attendee  
 Regular attendee/member

I'm interested in:

- Knowing Jesus better  
 I need prayer or support  
 Joining a Small Group  
 Joining the Welcome Team  
 Worship Music Team/Choir  
 Sound/AV/Video Team  
 Becoming a Member  
 I need a Stephen Minister  
 Counseling at The Counseling Center

**Please Pray for:** (This is shared with pastors & confidential prayer team.)

\* Please stand as you are able

\*\*Assistive listening devices are available in the back of the sanctuary.  
Please return receivers at the end of the service.

Please silence all cell phones  
and electronic devices

### Welcome Visitors!

Please visit the Welcome Table in the back of the sanctuary after the service and join us for refreshments in Roy Hall on the 2nd floor. Please sign this tear-off panel with your contact information filled in on the other side and deposit in the offering plate.

### Children are welcome in worship!

Parents may use the lounge in the back of the sanctuary to participate in the service via a TV monitor. Worship journals and children's bulletins are available from the ushers, who are also available to direct you to our other facilities.

### Prayer Requests

Our prayer companions are available at the front of the sanctuary after each service to pray with you. You may also include your prayer requests on the weekly tear-off tab (on the other side of this bulletin) and deposit it in the offering. Our staff prays weekly for the needs of the congregation.

### Worship Service Leaders

**Rev. Michael W. Miller, Jr.**, Guest Preacher, Sermon, Benediction  
**Rev. Kristin Mueller**, Dir. Of Children's Ministries, Welcome, Children's Moment  
**Alyce Claerbaut**, Scripture Reader  
**Peggie Robinson**, Prayers of the People  
**Jack Harriff**, Organist  
**Elda McGinty**, Dir. of Music & Worship, Worship Leader/Piano  
**Anna High, Lindsay Miller**, Worship Leader; **Christie Miller**, Guitar; **Daniel Allen, Electric Guitar**; **Scott Henrie**, Bass; **Fred Bryant**, Drums; **Tina Laughlin**, Percussion  
**Neal Ostrovsky**, Audio/Visual Coordinator  
**Jorge Rodriguez**, A/V Volunteer

### Prayer Companions:

Eleanor and Ron Ehresman

## Sunday Worship at First Presbyterian Evanston

### 9 a.m. Blended Service

Children are welcome in worship!\*\*

#### Options for Families:

**Infants/Toddlers** – Crib Room

**Ages 2-4** – Blue Room

**Ages 4-8** – Children's Worship in the Choir Room following Children's Moment.

Children return to sanctuary during final hymn.

\*\* Worship journals & children's bulletins are available in the back of the Sanctuary.  
Changing tables & quiet space is available in the women's lounge (back corner of the Sanctuary).

### Fellowship Time (Roy Hall, 2nd Floor) (10:10 am)

A time to connect with new and old friends over coffee, tea and cookies.

### Sunday Education 10:30 - 11:15 am

#### Children's and Youth Christian Foundations Classes

**Infants & Toddlers** - Crib Room

**Ages 2 & 3** - Yellow Room

**Pre-K** - Blue Room

**Kindergarten** - Orange Room

**Grades 1 & 2** - Rm. 21 (lower level)

**Grades 3 & 4** - Rm. 33 (lower level)

**Grades 5 & 6** - 3rd Floor (East)

**Sunday School Grades 7 & 8** -

NUBS Lounge

**PYGS Sunday School Grades 9-12** -

PYGS Lounge, Basement

#### Adult Discipleship Learning

**Lenten Sermon Series Bible Study** (Parlor) – We will use David Ivaska's study based on Pastor Ray's sermons during Lent. Led by Jim Irvin/Adult Discipleship Council.

**Missions** (Dining Room) – "Following Christ as the Good Shepherd." Dave Ivaska looks at scriptures illustrating the Good Shepherd, and how Jesus completely fulfills that role.

**Building Strong and Lasting Relationships** (Room 213) – The series "The 7 Principles for Making Marriage Work". Led by Judith Hylton, Linda Hoff-Irvine and Judy Slagle.

**Sunday Morning Forum** (Room 206) – Celebrating the Reformation's 500th anniversary with a course on Luther and his legacy. Taught by LeRoy Klempt.

**Single But Not Alone** (3rd Floor, Center Room) – Welcome all singles! Our next gathering is April 2. Facilitated by Karen Alicia Shaw.

### 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

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#### Options for Families:

**Children 4 and under** – Crib Room

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WELCOME TO

# Sunday Worship

March 12, 2017, 9:00 am - Blended Service



Our Mission:

KNOWING CHRIST

FOLLOWING CHRIST

SERVING CHRIST



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN EVANSTON